



S&H Form: PTO/SB/30 (10/03)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL****(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

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**To: Commissioner for Patents
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Attorney Docket No.: 826.1722

First Named Inventor	Naoya FUJISAKI		
Application No.	09/819,701	Group Art Unit	2171
Filing Date	March 29, 2001	Examiner	E. LEROUX
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	3142
Title of Invention	FILE SYSTEM ASSIGNING A SPECIFIC ATTRIBUTE TO A FILE, A FILE MANAGEMENT METHOD ASSIGNING A SPECIFIC ATTRIBUTE TO A FILE, AND A STORAGE MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR MANAGING FILES		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other


2.

Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

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		BASIC FEE		\$ 770.00	
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	- 20 =	0	X \$18.00 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	- 5 =	1	X \$86.00 =	\$86.00
Since the original due date of the Official Action has been extended to <u>February 7, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):				310.00	
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)					
Total of above Calculations =				\$ 1166.00	
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$ 1166.00	
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
6. METHOD OF PAYMENT					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1166.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)					
7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935.					
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS					
<p style="text-align: center;">STAAS & HALSEY LLP</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">21171</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</p>					
9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED					
NAME	Richard A. Gollhofer		REGISTRATION NO.	31,106	
SIGNATURE	<i>Richard A. Gollhofer</i>		DATE	3/8/04	